

respectfully submits that examination of the entire application can be made without a serious burden and, therefore, the examiner should examine it on the merits even if it claims independent and distinct inventions.

**2. Conclusion**

Wherefore, Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

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